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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant NOFA Released

Deadline to Apply: August 23, 2010

HUD has posted the FY 2010 NOFA for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, which supports multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. [Learn more...](#)

EVENTS

Financial Education and Asset Building - Planning Activities

July 28, 2010; 2 - 3 pm ET

This webcast will serve as an opportunity for partners to share best practices, resource tools and information through brochures, websites, etc. Topics include Awareness Campaigns on Alternative Loan Programs, Developing Campaigns on Preserving Home Ownership, and Survey Community Needs. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Prohibitions on Sharing Food with People Experiencing Homelessness

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Three years after the 2007 publication of *Feeding Intolerance: Prohibitions on Sharing Food with People Experiencing Homelessness*, cities still choose to implement measures that criminalize homelessness and, at times, penalize those who serve homeless persons. These measures, such as anti-camping laws, often target activities homeless people are forced to do in public spaces because of their lack of a home or shelter. [Learn more...](#)

Effects of Mandatory Financial Education on Low- Income Clients

J. Michael Collins

Public policies mandate financial education for financially distressed consumers in a variety of contexts, including bankruptcy and foreclosure, as well as for consumers faced with impending financial decisions. Financial education and counseling are provided in the workplace, in schools, by community groups, and as part of public programs. The impact of financial education on credit behavior is relatively untested. This article summarizes a randomized field study that evaluates a highly targeted mandatory financial education curriculum for very low-income

clients in a housing voucher program. [Learn more...](#)

Income Gaps Between Very Rich and Everyone Else More Than Tripled In Last Three Decades, New Data Show

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The gaps in after-tax income between the richest 1 percent of Americans and the middle and poorest fifths of the country more than tripled between 1979 and 2007 (the period for which these data are available), according to data the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) issued last week. Taken together with prior research, the new data suggest greater income concentration at the top of the income scale than at any time since 1928. [Learn more...](#)

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